

# Newsies Monologue Sheet BJT 2023 Season

JOSEPH PULITZER: Gentlemen, the World is in trouble. Our circulation is down for the third quarter in a row. Right now we charge the newsies fifty cents for a hundred papers. But if we raised their price to sixty cents per hundred...every single newsie would have to sell 25 more papers just to earn the same amount as always. It's genius. And to those who think it may be rough on those children, I say NONSENSE.

JACK KELLY: Listen fellas...I know somebody put yis up to this. Probably paid ya some extra money too. Yeah? Well, it ain't right. Pulitzer thinks we're gutter rats with no respect for nothin', includin' each other. Is that who we are? Well, we stab each other in the back and, yeah, that's who we are. But if we stand together, we change the whole game...for the sake of all the kids in every sweatshop, factory, and slaughter house in this town, I beg you...throw down your papers and join the strike.

KATHERINE PLUMBER: Really Jack? Really? Only you can have a good idea? Being boss doesn't mean you have all the answers, just the brains to recognize the right one when you hear it. Think, Jack, if we publish this - my words with one of your drawings - and if every worker under twenty-one read it and stayed home from work...or better yet, came to Newsie Square - a general city-wide strike! Even my father couldn't ignore that.

MEDDA LARKIN: Well, hi-dee-ho everybody! Welcome to my theatre. Yessiree, it's a brand-new century with a brand new set of rules for women, and the brigade and I are gonna tell you all about them. Maestro, if you please!

ROOSEVELT: My fellow citizens...today you have demonstrated the power of standing together for what is right. I believe the future, in your hands, will be bright and prosperous. And your drawings, Jack, have brought another matter to bear. Come on out, Casey. Your pals are waiting!

CRUTCHIE: This here is the famous Jack Kelly. He once escaped jail on the back of Teddy Roosevelt's carriage. Made all the papes...and I'm Casey, but my pal's call me Crutchie... Sellin with Jack is the chance of a lifetime. You learn from him, you learn from the best...look sad kids, we're gonna make millions!

NEWSIES: Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Spanish American war is over! Post office thief caught! Dark days ahead for pigeons! Mile a-minute Murphy breaks world cycling record! Theodore Roosevelt wins election for New York Governor! July 5, 1899: Trolley strike enters second week!

DAVEY JACOBS: Don't even think about it! When Pop goes back to work, we go back to school. Our Father tangled with a delivery truck on the job. Messed his leg up bad, so they fired him. That's how we came to find work.

HANNAH: The entire city is shut down No one is working anywhere. And everyone is blaming you. They're all calling the Mayor, the publishers, the manufacturers...and such language! ...Hey you can't just barge in here!

Audition Song: Seize the Day Pt 2 – Newsies Jr. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMqMUJYXhW0>

Now is the time to seize the day, now is the time to make em pay! Nothing can break us, no one can make us quit before we're done! One for all and all for, one for all and all for, one for all and all --- for one!